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June 18, 2015

South Grafton Community House, 27 Main Street, South Grafton

A meeting of the Mill Villages Advisory Committee was held on June 18, 2015 at the South Grafton Community House.

Present from the Committee: Philip Gauthier, Chairman; Ruth Anderson, Vice Chairwoman; Andrew Kjellberg, Clerk; and Members Kenneth Grew and Ann Morgan. Also present was Nick Bernat of Natura Landscaping.

Chairman Gauthier called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**1. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Letter of Thanks / Recognition – The Committee agreed to write a letter of thanks to the following organizations for their ongoing support and participation in the annual Flag Day celebration: Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band, the American Legion Post 92, and the VFW Post 1497.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Events – Bob Jordan Band: The band has confirmed for August 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Morgan reviewed the work items to be completed including identifying a food truck vendor to sell food. The Committee agreed to ask the Buggy Whip first and then other vendors if he is not available.
- B. Polish Home Monument – Mr. Gauthier stated that he had been discussing the future of the monument currently located in front of the Polish Home. There has been some discussion amongst the Home's membership regarding the potential sale of the property due to increasing costs of maintaining the building and the limited access issues making it difficult for those with limited mobility to move inside the building. He was asked if the Committee might consider relocating the monument to the Park in the event of the sale of the property adding that everyone listed on the monument are / were South Grafton residents. The Committee took it under advisement and agreed to wait to see what happens with the disposition of the property before taking any action.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mill Villages Park Work Items – Mr. Bernat stated that he planned to conduct an inventory of items to be addressed at the Park including replacing plant material in the bench areas at the Memorial Plaza, the status of the dead or failing trees, how to address long term damage caused by the beaver population. He stated that he would attend the July meeting to provide a report and some rough cost estimates for repair and replacement of materials as well as other solutions to address the long term maintenance of the Park.

- B. Flag Day Celebration – All agreed that the event was very successful. Ms. Morgan was asked to contact the Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band and ask to them to schedule the concert date for 2016,

4 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Grew. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**EXHIBITS**

None.